

# NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN and ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH OPENING CEREMONY

**THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2001**

**HUBERT H. HUMPHREY BUILDING**

**ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL NON-FEDERAL ATTENDEES**

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(Directions are provided below, following the agenda)

9:45 a.m.

**Music**

Schirra Gray, *Piscataway/Cherokee*, Flutist

10:00 a.m.

**Ceremony Commencement by the Master of Ceremony**

Georgianna Old Elk, *Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes* of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation,  
Scholarship Program Coordinator, Indian Health Service

**Opening Ceremony**

Veterans' Color Guard -

Lance Hodahkwen, *Onondaga*; Phil Kaulaity, *Kiowa*; Eric Pinto, *Navajo*

Active Duty Service Members -

Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Bradley Barnett, *Creek/Laguna Pueblo*, Navy

Sergeant Matilda Adakai, *Navajo*, Army

Captain Charles Locklear, *Lumbee/Cherokee*, Air Force

Tech Sergeant Bernard Silver, *Haliwa-Saponi*, Air Force

Drum Group - Black Bear Singers

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Ronalda and Roshauna Shorty, *Navajo*, in Navajo Language

Title IX program, Montgomery County, Md., schools

**Pledge of Allegiance** - (all guests)

**Traditional Blessing** - Alfred "Bud" Lane, *Siletz Tribe*

**Opening Announcements** - Georgianna Old Elk

**Entertainment**

Alaska Group: Pamyua

Singers of old and new multi-culture songs representing diversity of all Native cultures of Alaska

**Greetings**

Department of Health and Human Services Officials (to be announced)

Michael H. Trujillo, *Laguna Pueblo*, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., Director, Indian Health Service

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker** - Georgianna Old Elk

**Keynote Speaker** - Alfred "Bud" Lane, "Tribal Customs and Tradition"

**Youth Speakers**

Mary Honwytema, *Yavapai/Hopi*, HRSA Intern, Senior at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

Chayo Torres, *Sicangu Lakota*, EPA Intern, Student at Sinte Gleska Community College

**Acknowledgement and Closing** - Georgianna Old Elk

**Closing with Traditional Ceremony of Honor Song**

Buck Martin, *Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans Tribe*

Senior Advisor to the Director, Indian Health Service

**Retire Colors**

12:30 - 2 p.m.

**Displays**

**Food Sampling** (hosted by the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, Federal Emergency Management Agency, International Broadcasting Bureau, and Small Business Administration)

**Sign interpreters:** Mary Rishty and Charmine Johnson, Sign of the Times.

Directions: To attend the November 1<sup>st</sup> Opening Ceremony, the easiest way to travel to the Hubert Humphrey Building (Great Hall), in Washington, D.C., is by using the Metro subway system. Pay parking is available at the downtown location. Once on the Metro system take the yellow or green line to the Federal Center Southwest station and take the east exit out of the station. Make an immediate left as you exit, (you will be heading north), and walk about one and a half blocks. The Humphrey Building will be on your right. It is a large modern-looking cement building. Most everyone you ask will be able to point out the building to you. For security reasons, please bring your government identification card with you or pre-register to attend.